

DATA FOR 1812 SEA ENGAGEMENTS
As taken from Theodore Roosevelt's *Naval War of 1812* (1882)
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**CONSTITUTION vs. GUERRIERE**

\* Aug. 19, 1812, 5:00 pm

\*Roosevelt: pg 100, MAP: page 107, wind from NW, Lat. 41 deg. 30', Longt. 55 deg. West.

USF Constitution, frigate, (rate 44, real: 54): main: (x30 long 24 pounders,) spar: (x2 long 24s) + (x22 32 lb. carronades), weight of broadside: 684 lbs. metal, ships tonnage: 1576 tons, Crew: 456, (of this number, as marines, were:) Marines: 51 (note: this same proportion of crew that are marines is used for the other scenarios unless more specific historical numbers were available)

Commander: Cpt. Isaac Hull

HBM Guerriere, frigate, (rat. 38, real: 49): main (x30 long 18s), spar: (x2 long 12s) + (x16 32c) + (x1 18c), weight of broadside: 556 lbs. metal, ships tonnage: 1338 tons, Crew: 272, Marines:?

Commander: Cpt. James Dacres, (Note. Guerriere somewhat damaged by rough weather the previous night)

**WASP vs. FROLIC**

\* Oct. 17, 1812, 11:32 am

\* Roosevelt, page 115, MAP: page 116, blustery, rough seas, almost cloudless Lat. 37 deg. N, Longt. 65 deg. W.

US Wasp, sloop, (rat. 18, real: 18 guns), (x2 long 12s) + (x16 32c), broadside: 250 lbs metal, ship: 450 tons, Crew: 135 men

Commander: Cpt. Jacob Jones

HBM Frolic, brig-sloop, (rat. 18, real: 19 guns), (x2 long 6s) + (x16 32c) + (x1 9c), broadside: 274 lbs. metal, ship: 460 tons, Crew: 110 men. Note: Frolic's main-yard carried away in storm the previous night

Commander: Cpt. Thomas Whinyates

**UNITED STATES vs. MACEDONIAN**

\* Oct. 25, 1812, 9:45 am

\* Roosevelt: page 119, MAP: page 121, fresh wind, from SSE, Lat. 29 deg. N, Longt. 29 deg 30'

USF United States, frigate, (rat. 44, real: 54 guns) : main: (x30 long 24s), spar: (x2 long 24s) + (x22 42c), broadside: 786 lbs. metal, ship: 1576 tons, Crew: 478, of these were Marines: 50

Cpt. Stephen Decatur

HBM Macedonian, frigate, (rat. 38, real: 49 guns): main: (x28 long 18s), spar: (x2 long 12s) + (x2 long 9s) + (x16 32c) + (x1 18c), broadside: 547 lbs. metal, ship: 1325 tons, Crew: 301

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<sup>1</sup> This is a partial list and does not cover all the encounters on the ocean that took place between the Royal Navy and the US Navy during the War of 1812, but only the most prominent.

Cpt. John Carden

CONSTITUTION vs. JAVA

\* Dec. 29, 1812, 1:45 pm

\* Roosevelt: page 129, MAP: page: 135, light wind from NNE, Lat. 13 deg. 6' S, Longt. 31 deg. W

USF Constitution, frigate, (rat. 44, real: 54 guns): main: (x30 long 24s), spar: (x2 long 24s) + (x22 32c), broadside: 654 lbs. metal, ship: 1576 tons, Crew: 475

Commander: Cpt. William Bainbridge

HBM Java, frigate, (rat. 38, real: 49): main: (x28 long 18s), spar: (x2 long 12s) + (x18 32c) + (x1 24c), broadside: 576 lbs. metal, ship: 1340 tons, Crew: 426

Commander: Cpt. Henry Lambert

HORNET vs. PEACOCK

\* Apr. 24, 1812, 5:10 pm

\* Roosevelt page 170, MAP page 171, Feb. 24, 1813, Wind from N, off mouth of Demerara River, Guyana

US Hornet: Brig-sloop, (rat. 18, real 20 guns) (x2 long 12s) + (x18 32c), broadside: 279 lbs. metal, ship: 480 tons, Crew: 135 men

Cpt. James Lawrence

HBM Peacock: Brig, (rat. 18, real: 20 guns) (x20 24c), 210 lbs. metal, ship: 477 tons, Crew: 122 men

Cpt. William Peake

SHANNON vs. CHESAPEAKE

\* June 1, 1813, 5:50 pm

\* Roosevelt: page 180, MAP: page: 185, wind from West, off Boston Harbor.

HBM Shannon, frigate, (rat. 38, real: 52), main: (x28 long 18s), spar: (x4 long 9s) + (x1 long 6) + (x16 32c), Crew: 330, broadside: 550 lbs. metal, ship: 1240 tons

Commander: Cpt. Phillip Broke

USF Chesapeake, frigate, (rat. 38, real: 50), main: (x28 long 18s), spar: (x18 32c), broadside: 542 lbs. metal, ship: 1244 tons,

Crew: 379

Commander: Cpt. James Lawrence

PELICAN vs. ARGUS,

\* Aug. 14, 1813, 6 am

\* Roosevelt: page 198, MAP page: 202, Aug. 14, 1813, wind from SE, Lat. 52 deg. 15' N, Longt. 5 deg. 50' W.

HBM Pelican, brig-sloop, (rat. 18, real: 19 guns) (x2 long 6s) + (x1 long 12) + (x16 32c), broadside: 280 lbs. metal, ship: 467 tons, Crew: 116 men

Cpt. John F. Maples

US Argus, brig-sloop, (rat. 16, real: 20 guns), (x2 long 12s) + (x18 24c), broadside: 210 lbs. metal, ship: 298 Tons, Crew: 104 men

Commander. Lt. William Henry Allen

### ENTERPRISE vs. BOXER

\* Sept. 5, 1813, 3 pm

\* Roosevelt: page 207, MAP: page 207, wind from South West, calm then “breeze sprang up”, off the coast of Maine near Portland.

US Enterprise, brig-schooner, (rat. 12, real: 16 guns) (x14 long 18s) + (x2 long 9s), 165 tons, 102men

Commander: Lt. William Burrows

HBM Boxer, brig, (rat: 12, real: 14 guns), (x12 18c) + (x2 long 6s), 66 men, 181 tons

Commander: Cpt. Samuel Blyth

### PHOEBE and CHERUB vs. ESSEX

\* March 28, 1814, 4 pm

\* Roosevelt: page 282, wind from South, off Valparaiso, Chile.

HBM Phoebe, frigate, (rate. 36, real: 23) (x13 long 18s) + (x1 long 12) + (x1 long 9) + (x7 short 32c) + (x1 18c), broadside: 497 lbs. metal, 320 crew,

Cpt. James Hilyar

HBM Cherub, sloop, (rate 18, real: 13) (x2 long 9s) + (x2 short 18s) + (x9 short 32s), broadside: 342 lbs. metal, Crew 180,

USF Essex, frigate, (rate 32, real: 23) (x6 long 12s) + (x17 32c), broadside: 570 lbs. metal, ship: 860 tons

255 men

Cpt. David Porter

While being pursued by Phoebe and Cherub a heavy squall struck the Essex, which knocked the main-top-mast overboard prior to the engagement.

### PEACOCK vs. EPERVIER

\* April 28, 1814, 10 am

\* Roosevelt: page 286, MAP: 287, wind from East, Lat. 17 deg. 47', Longt. 80 deg. 7' W.

US Peacock, brig, (rat. 18, real: 22 guns), (x 22 24c), broadside: 315 lbs. metal, ship: 509 tons, crew 166

Commander: Cpt. Lewis Warrington

HBM Epervier, brig-sloop, (rat. 20, real: 20 guns), (x2 18c) + (x18 24c), broadside: 274 lbs. metal, ship: 477 tons, crew 128

Commander: Cpt. Wales

### WASP (II) vs. REINDEER

\* June 28, 1814, 3 pm

\* Roosevelt: page 293, MAP: 296, light breeze, wind from North east, Lat. 48 deg. 36' N, Longt. 11 deg. 15' W.

US Wasp, heavy sloop, : (rat. 20, real: 23 guns), (x20 32c) + (x2 long 12s) + (x1 12c), broadside: 315 lbs. metal, ship: 509 tons, 173 men

Commander: Cpt. Johnston Blakely

HBM Reindeer, brig, (rat. 18, real 20 guns), (x18 24c) + (x2 12c), broadside: 210 lbs. metal, ship: 477 tons, 118 men

Commander: Cpt. William Manners

## WASP (II) vs. AVON

\* Sept. 1, 1814, 9:30 pm

\* Roosevelt: page 299, MAP page 300, wind from SE, Lat. 47 deg. 30' N, Longt. 11 deg. W

US Wasp, heavy sloop, : (rat. 20, real: 24 guns), (x20 32c) + (x2 long 12s) + (x2 12c), broadside: 327 lbs. metal, ship: 509 tons, 160 men

Commander: Cpt. Johnston Blakely

HBM Avon, brig-sloop (rat. 18, real: 22 guns), (x18 32c) + (x2 long 12s) + (x2 long 6s), broadside: 280 lbs. metal, ship: 477 tons, 117 men

Commander: Cpt. James Arbuthnot

## ENDYMION, et. al. vs. PRESIDENT

\* Jan. 15, 1815, 5:30 am

\* Roosevelt: page 358, Jan. 15, 1815, light winds, from NW, off Sandy Hook.

USF President, frigate, (rat. 44, real: 54): main: (x30 long 24s), spar: (x2 long 24s) + (x20 42c) + (x2 24c), 1576 tons, Crew: 450

Commander: Cpt. Stephen Decatur

HBM Endymion, frigate, (rat. 40, real: 50 ) main:(x28 long 24s), spar: (x2 long 18s) + (x20 32c)

Commander: Capt. Henry Hope

HBM Majestic, razee, (rat.: 56, real 56 guns)

Capt. John Hayes

HBM Tenedos, frigate, (rat. 38) elite crew

Capt. Parker

HBM Pomone, sloop,(rat. 18, real: 20 guns)

Capt. Lumly

Notes: President had already been damaged after being struck on a bar

President found Majestic and Endymion astern, Pomone on Port and Tenedos on starboard quarter

## CONSTITUTION vs. CYANE and LEVANT

\* Feb, 20, 1815, 6 pm

\* Roosevelt: page 372, MAP page: 376, light breeze, from east, off Madeira.

USF Constitution, frigate, (rat. 44, real: 52): main: (x30 long 24s), spar: (x2 long 24s) + (x20 32c), 1576 tons, Crew: 450

Commander: Cpt. Charles Stewart

HBM Cyane, light frigate, (rat 22, real: 34) (x22 32c) + (x10 18c) + (x2 long 12s),

Crew:(est) 192

Cpt. Gordon Falcon

HBM Levant, sloop, (rat. 20, real 20 guns) (x18 32c) + (x2 long 9s) + (x1 12c), Crew (est.): 128

Cpt. George Douglass

Note. total crews of both Cyane and Levant about 320, so in determining crews, a “guesstimation” was arrived at by taking the total and dividing it up according to the type of ship involved.

HORNET vs. PENGUIN

\* March 23, 1815, 1:40 pm

\* Roosevelt: page 381 MAP page 385, wind from SSW, off Tristan d'Acunha.

US Hornet, heavy-sloop, (rat. 18, real: 20 guns) (x2 long 12s) + (x18 32c), 480 tons, 142 men

Cpt. James Biddle (of 142 men were 20 to 30 marines)

HBM Penguin, brig, (rat. 20, real: 20 guns) (x18 32c) + (x2 long 6s), 477 tons, 132 men

Cpt. James Dickensen

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